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ORGANIZATION OF THE ALBANIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

A. Higher Institutes

1. Higher Economics Institute, with departments for industrial economy, agricultural economy, and planning and financing of the people's economy.
2. The Four-Year Pedagogical Institute, with departments for language, literature, and history; Russian language and literature; and mathematics and physics. The Department of Education will open in the 1955-1956 academic year. Several departments were instituted in 1954-1955. New courses are planned for 1955-1956.
3. The Two-Year Pedagogical Institute, with departments for Albanian language and literature; Russian language and literature; history, with elements of Albanian language and literature; mathematics and physics; and biology and geography.
4. Higher Polytechnic Institute, which will extend its curriculum from 4 to 5 years, beginning with the 1955-1956 academic year.

B. Vocational Schools

1. Agricultural Schools
 - a. Kamze, specializing in horticulture and fruit growing.
 - b. Korce, with agriculture and livestock breeding departments.
 - c. Fier, specializing in horticulture, fruit growing, and subtropical plants.
 - d. Shkoder, to be opened in the 1955-1956 academic year, with animal husbandry and veterinary departments.
2. Medical Polytechnic School, with departments for pharmacy, dentistry, and the training of feldshers in pediatrics, midwifery, and hygiene.
3. Economics Schools
 - a. Higher Trade School, with departments for planning, accounting, technology, canteens, and merchandising. The courses cover state and cooperative stores.
 - b. Higher Economic-Financial School, with departments for budgeting of credits, financing of enterprises, and economics (statistics, and plans).
 - c. Agricultural Collectivists' School, formerly with a one-year curriculum, now to be extended to 2 years.
4. Industrial Technical Schools
 - a. Technical Petroleum School, with departments, for geology and petroleum, the latter specializing in drilling, production, and technology. The electricity department of the school is to be transferred to the 7 Nendori Polytechnic School. Class III of the geology department of the 7 Nendori Polytechnic School will be transferred to the Technical Petroleum School.

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b. Technical Constructions School, with a department specializing in building construction and hydraulic engineering. The hydraulics department of the 7 Nendori Polytechnic School will be transferred to the Technical Constructions School. The curriculum will be lengthened from 3 years to 4 years, beginning with the class that entered in 1953-1954.

c. The 7 Nendori Polytechnic School will have departments for mechanics, electricity, and mining.

d. A higher technological school will be opened in 1955-1956 by the Ministry of Industry and Mines, with departments for technology of light industry, and technology of the food industry. This school will have jurisdiction over the technical school opening in 1954-1955 at the Stalin Textile Combine.

II. JURISDICTION BY MINISTRIES

The Constructions School will be under the Ministry of Constructions and Communications.

The Higher Commercial School will be under the Ministry of Trade.

The Higher Economic-Financial School will be under the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Education and Culture will approve the education plans, curriculums, textbooks, and educational materials of all schools, and will establish methods of teaching.

The administrative system will be effective as of 1 January 1955.

III. DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS

During 1954, the State Planning Commission and respective ministries will make a study of their needs for personnel with intermediate and advanced training, in order to determine the proper proportion of students to be assigned to the vocational and higher schools.

This decree becomes effective immediately.

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